

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 21-24 are allowed. Claims 25-38 have been cancelled.

Applicants wish to thank the examiner, Benjamin Lee, for the courtesy extended to their representative, David Ward, during a telephone interview on October 15, 2008. During the interview, possible new apparatus claims corresponding to the allowed method claims were discussed. Mr. Lee indicated that he did not know whether such new claims would be allowable.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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